

Introduced by Senator Alquist

May 22, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 121—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 121, as introduced, Alquist. Ramadan.

This measure would recognize the contributions of Muslim leaders, organizations, and residents throughout the state during the month of Ramadan.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Islam is a peace-loving faith that is practiced by
2 more than one billion people, including millions of American
3 Muslims, and California is home to the largest population of
4 Muslims in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Muslims observe this month by renewing their
6 dedication to caring for those in need, doing good deeds, and
7 strengthening family and community ties; and these actions
8 reflect many of the values that Muslims share with people of
9 other faiths across our state and nation and around the world,
10 including courage, compassion, and service; and

11 WHEREAS, These proud citizens contribute to the diversity
12 that makes our state and nation strong, and the Qur'an teaches
13 that Ramadan is a time for fasting, prayer, worship, charity, and
14 contemplation; and

15 WHEREAS, During this season of reverence and examination,
16 we continue to work together for a future of peace, tolerance, and
17 understanding during Ramadan and, throughout the coming year,

1 the state remains committed to freedom, justice, and opportunity
2 for all people; and

3 WHEREAS, It is desirable for all Californians to become
4 closer neighbors and strive for unity and peace as all Muslims
5 observe the holy month of Ramadan; and

6 WHEREAS, Members of the Muslim community have
7 engaged in and sponsored education and social service programs
8 to assist residents of this state in the best spirit of Islam,
9 reflecting inclusion and diversity; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
11 *thereof concurring,* That the state takes great pleasure in
12 recognizing the blessed month of Ramadan, September 23, 2006,
13 through October 22, 2006, and the contributions of Muslim
14 leaders, organizations, and residents throughout California.